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# FIFTH LOAN DRIVE TO OPEN APRIL 21 GLASS ANNOUNCES

To Sell \$7,000,000,000 Short-Term Notes by May 10.

DATE OF MATURITY IS NOT YET DECIDED UPON

Securities Bear 41-2 Per Cent From One to Five Years.

ISSUES FORMAL STATEMENT

Thinks Best Interests of Country Demand Character of Issue Adopted.

WASHINGTON, March 12 .- Secretary of the Treasury Glass announced that oan will open Monday, April 21, and close on Saturday, May 10. During that period short-term notes to the extent of \$7,000,000,000 will have to be

The notes will mature in from one o five years. The rate of interest has ot been fixed, but it is generally beleved that it will be 41-2 per cent. The last Liberty loan was issued at per cent, but on account of supertaxes and profits taxes under the var revenue bill, it has been found that it would be impossible to float another issue at that low rate.

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In arriving at the decision to issue short-term notes rather than long-term bonds for the Victory loan. Secretary Glass says he has done so because he believes that the notes for short term will be maintained at par with more facility than would bonds of longer maturity.

Secretary Glass appeals to the people to support the loan in the same patriotic manner in which the previous Liberty loans were supported. Unless people generally subscribe, he says, the burden of subscription will fall upon the banks, and, in his opinion, this would be a misfortune.

ISSUES FORMAL STATEMENT

CONCERNING VICTORY LOAN

formal statement issued by

maximum of 4)-4 per cent per annum, and would be subject to supertaxes and would be subject to supertaxes and profits, except for the right to participate in the exemption of \$5,000 principal amount with other outstanding issues of Liberty bonds and certificates.

"The Congress has now passed the Victory Liberty loan act, which was approved March 3, 1919, under which the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to issue notes of the United to the extent of not over \$7,000,000, upon such terms and conditions and at such rate or rates of interest as he may prescribe. It is protected in this act that these notes shall be grayable at such time or times not less than one year or more than five years from the date of issue, as may the Salvation Army and the Knights of Columbus will maintain less than one year or more than five years from the date of issue, as may be prescribed by the secretary. THINK BEST INTERESTS

DEMAND SHORT-TERM NOTES "After studying financial conditions in all parts of the country. I have determined that the interests of the United States will best be served at this time by the issuance of short-term notes rather than of longer-term bonds, which would have to bear the limited rate of interest of 4 1-4 per cent.

"The Victory Liberty loan will, therefore, take the form of notes of the United States, maturing in not over five years from the date of issue. These notes will be, as were the Liberty loan bonds, the direct promise to pay of the United Staes, will be issued both in registered and coupon form, and the coupon notes will be in final form and will have attached the interest coupons covering the entire life

TREASURY DEPARTMENT WILL

CONTINUE INTENSIVE PLAN

ple once again to give their support to their government in order that this great loan may be made an overwhelm-ing success by the widest possible dising success by the widest possible dis-tribution."

Through Parlor Car Richmond to Hinton Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad

Effective March 15, parlor car will pperate between Richmond and Hinton, westbound, leaving Richmond 1:00 P. M., and eastbound, arriving Richmond 1:45 P. M., furnishing parlor car service for White Sulphur and Hot Springs

### 13th Important Date in President's History

President Wilson's lucky number, 13, still is with him.

The President's ship is due to arrive at Brest, France, this evening, March 13.

This is the 13th trip of the George Washington since she was taken over by the United States government.

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This number, considered unlucky by most persons, has pursued the President for many years and its influence always has been benign.

To begin with, his name contains 13 letters.

On his previous trip to the Paris conference he landed at Brest on Friday, December 13.

He was elected Governor of New Jersey in his 13th year as a professor at Princeton.

The electoral college which named him President met January 13, 1913.

Governors of 13 States were in line at his first inauguration, while representatives of 13 educational institutions participated in the parade and Princeton in two trains of 13 cars each.

# EVACUATE ARMY BASE IN ENGLAND IN MONTH

the campaign for the Victory Liberty By Middle of April Only Skeleton Organization Will Be on British Soil.

FEW CASES LEFT IN HOSPITALS

Demobilization of Red Cross in Great Britain Keeps Pace With That of Army, and Workers Are Struggling for Home Bookings.

BY ROBERT WELLES RITCHIE. LONDON, March 12.-Evacuation of is in England, is progressing so rapidly, it is learned from General Biddle's headquarters, that by the middle of April less than 1,500 soldiers will remain in England.

General Biddle expects to return to America sometime in May, leaving only a skeleton executive organization in chester camp, once jammed by 25,000 soldiers, is now emptied so rapidly that within two weeks no soldier will remain at the scene of this mighty American training effort of last summer. At present only 400 or 500 cases are left at the two remaining hospitals—in London and Liverpool—both of which are expected to be closed in

which are expected to be closed in mid-April, if not earlier.

These hospitals offer a base of evacuation for the wounded from the Archangel front, and definite word of their imminent closing was given me this afternoon, which confirms reports of the prospective withdrawal of

American headquarters will remain the fundamental for eight months more-for the purpose of completing the enormous task of settling the bill and standard for the purpose of settling the bill and standard for the settling the bill will will be settling to the settling the bill and standard for the settling the settli

M. C. A., the Salvation Army and the Knights of Columbus will maintain huts and headquarters here. There is no indication at present when leaves to England will be withdrawn.

### GOTHAM CRACKSMEN GET \$26,000 IN BILLS FROM VAULT OF BANK

Ingenious Theft Bears Mark of Master Hand and Puzzles New York Police,

NEW YORK, March 12.—An ingeni-ous theti of over \$26,000 in bills of \$5 and \$10 denominations from the Cosmopolitan Bauk, of this city, is puz-zling the police and private detectives. The robbery bears all the marks of a master hand and a solution appears difficult, owing to the absence of any clues.

form and will have attached the interest coupons covering the entire life of the notes. I am hopeful that the notes in final engraved form will be ready for delivery by the opening of the campaign on April 21.

"I am led to adopt the plan of issuing short-term notes rather than longiterm bonds largely because of the fact that I believe that a short-term issue will maintain a price at about parafter the campaign is concluded far more readily than would a longer term issue.

"I have not yet reached a conclusion as to the rate of interest and exemptions from taxation which these notes will bear, because this decision must be based on existing conditions immediately prior to the opening of the campaign.

The money was taken from a safe inside a vault, as well as that of the safe. A second safe, containing \$130,000 in large bills, was untouched. Business was continued until \$0 o'clock Monday night, when the day's receipts were placed in the safes and the bank closed. A night watchman tested the vault doors until 1 A. M. Tuesday morning and thereafter periodically "looked things over." Shortly after \$0 o'clock the bank messenger entered the bank and discovered the robbery. robbery.

No marks could be found by the po-lice to indicate that the doors were forced. No fingerprints were discov-

CONTINUE INTENSIVE PLAN

"I take this opportunity to repeat what I have already stated, that it is the intention of the Treasury Department to carry on the same kind of intensive campaign for distribution as heretofore. It would be a most unfortunate occurrence if the people of the United States failed to take these notes, thus placing the burden of subscriptions on the banks.

"The business of the country looks to the banking system for credit wherewith to carry on its operations, and if this credit is absorbed to a large extent by the purchase of government securities, there will be many limitations placed upon the supply of credit for business purposes.

"Our merchants and manufacturers need ample credit for settingthe wheels of industry in motion for peace-time production and distribution, and the wage-carner is directly interested in seeing that those wheels are kept moving at a normal rate in order that full employment at good wages may continue, and where readjustment to modern that activity be resumed and labor re-employed at the earliest possible moment.

"I therefore ask the American people."

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Rahmi Bey, formet governor-general of the content of the conten

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Rahmi Bey, former governor-general of Smyrna, has been imprisoned by Turkish authorities, according to advices today to the State Department. During his term of office Rahmi Bey adopted a benevolent attitude toward American and allied interests and was specially active in protecting American schools and property.

000 this morning. Within a short while after this message was received, a large corporation signified its intention of making a deposit possibly even larger than this.

It was stated by several business men and bankers of Richmond that the bank will not be injured by the run, but probably made more solid in financial circles.

# PAYS DEPOSITORS

All-Day Run Upon Institution.

Show Confidence by Making Deposits.

Hundreds of depositors who pushed the Church Hill Bank from 10 o'clock Wednesday morning until 6 o'clock in the afternoon had only to present their checks and passbooks to obtain im-From time to time during the course of the afternoon, runners from one of the strongest banks in Rich-

with large chests holding from \$20,000 to \$40,000 in order to furnish funds for those wishing to withdraw their accounts.

The run on the bank was caused by an unfounded rumor. This rumor is said to have originated among the colored populace of Church Hill, and later to have spread throughout the section and to other parts of the city. It is said to have been whispered about to more than a week that the bank was insolvent. Why the climax should have come Wednesday morning may never be explained.

The run on the bank was caused by an unfounded rumor. This rumor is said to have originated among the colored populace of Church Hill, and later to have spread throughout the section and to other parts of the city. While we have been able to get a few loads here and there, the total amount has been far from sufficient to keep the lines running. We require about 2,000 tons a day, and if we cannot get it in some way we will have to suspend operations."

WANT FEDERAL TUGGROATS

CROWD GROWS AS WILD RUMOR GAINS CIRCULATION When the doors of the bank opened at 9 o'clock, business started as usual within a short time, however, a crowd began to gather, getting larger each hour. At 2 o'clock President Oscar, Parrish communicated with the Clearing-House Association, and obtained permission to keep the doors of his bank open until 6 o'clock to fully satisfy his depositors that there would be no effort to close and give credence to the rumor by this action. This permission was at once granted. In spite of this reassuring action on the part of the bank officials, however, depositors continued to crowd the establishment. Three tellers were kept busy every minute counting out bills and change. The majority of those demanding payment were women, children and negroes. Most of the withdrawals were small. It is understood that not a single large deposit was taken out during the day.

CONFIDENCE IN BANK
From time to time in the afternoon deposits were made by Church Hill business men to show their confidence in the institution. Many of these then went among the crowd in an effort to reassure those wishing to withdraw their funds. Patroimen kept order, but made no attempt to stop any one from going into the bank.
The run caused wild excitement in the vicinity of the bank. At times there were as many as 500 people gathered on the street corners and in the street in front of the bank. Traffic was difficult in the early afternoon. Women came running wildly, hatless and out of breath, with their bank-tyooks in their hands. Lines formed in front of the three windows at which payment was being made. Gossip ran rampant, and in the face of this the statements of those who knew the true nature of the situation went unheeded.

SAVINGS CLUB MEMBERS

TAKE OUT MONEY
The line in front of the Christmas
Savings Club window was at all times
longer than either of the others. Children, many of them very small, stood
waiting their turn to obtain their savings. The amounts were all small

dren, many of them very small, stood waiting their turn to obtain their savings. The amounts were all small. When seen late Wednesday afternoon, President Parrish said that he had no statement to make beyond the fact that every dollar which depositors wished to withdraw would be paid them, and to especially allay their nervousness it had been decided to keep open until 6 o'clock, four hours longer than usual. He was unable to give the least idea how the rumor started.

HANK ONE OF STRONGEST

John L. Satterfield, a director and a heavy depositor in the bank, stated that the institution was in splendid financial condition and that there was no reason for the run except a false rumor. He said that the bank's resources amounted to \$1,500,000, its capital to \$150,000. surplus, \$75,000, and deposits, \$1,400,000.

Mr. Satterfield further declared that on March 4 the institution had a bank reserve of 23 per cent lying in its valuts.

After a minute and searching examination of the books of the bank which lasted until midnight, the committee of three appointed by the Clearing House Association of Richmond reported that the affairs of the institution has been awarded to the point of the institution has been awarded to for the point of the institution for the time of the bloody fighting in Belleau Wood early last June right up to the final engagements just before the terms of the armistice became effective."

For gallantry During Various Battles in France.

WASHINGTON, March 12—Promotion of Colonel Logan Feland, of Hopakinsville, Ky., commander of the Fifth Regiment of marines, now serving as a part of the army of occupation, to be a brigadier-general was announced to significant of marines colonel Feland."

The promotion of Colonel Feland." Said Secretary Daniels tonight, "comes as a result of his exceptional war retrieved in Europe until the present. As commander of the Fifth Regime

valuts.

After a minute and searching examination of the books of the bank which lasted until midnight, the committee of three appointed by the Clearing House Association of Richmond reported that the affairs of the institution were in excellent condition, with assets sufficient to meet every demand. COMMITTEE FINDS BANK IN EXCELLENT SHAPE

IN EXCELLENT SHAPE
On the receipt of this report, the Clearing House Association late Wednesday night issued the following statement over the signature of President John M. Miller and Vice-President W. M. Hableston:
"In view of certain rumors concerning the Church Hill Bank of Richmond, the Clearing House Association of Richmond has caused an examination of the said bank to be made by a committee of three members of the said association.

[By Associated Press.] association.

The report of this committee shows the Church Hill Bank to be in an excellent condition with sufficient assets to meet any and every requireassociation.

ment.

The following members of the Clearing House Association of Richmond stand ready to furnish the Church Hill Bank with the necessary cash to meet any and all demands upon it: Pirst National Bank, Planters' National Bank, Matonal, State and City Bank, Merchants' National Bank, American National Bank, Pared Street Bank, Cantal Bank, Pared Street Bank

tional Bank, Broad Street Bank, Cen-tral National Bank."

more than \$150,000 withdrawn. Deposits made during the same period by those confident of the strength of the bank and its ability to meet all demands aggregated about \$25,000. While working at the institution last night in an effort to restore order after the strenuous day. President Oscar Parrish received a message from a large business firm of the city stating that it would make a deposit of \$25,000 this morning. Within a short while after this message was received, a large corporation signified its intention of making a deposit possibly even

Admits Violating Postal Laws.

MERIDIAN, MISS., March 12.—J. L. Putnam ioday pleaded guilty to a charge of violating the postal laws.

It cloth-bound, glit-top, lliustrated volumes for \$12, \$1 with order and \$1 a month, you must mall your order Image. Literature advertising worthless "coon" dogs for sale and sent, through the mails caused Putnam to be fined \$100.

The Last Call—If You Want "O. Henry" at the "special hargain price"—12 cloth-bound, glit-top, lliustrated volumes for \$12, \$1 with order and \$1 a month, you must mall your order Image. The Yarborough, Raleigh, mails caused Putnam to be fined \$100.

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(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 12.—A credit of \$5.000,000 in favor of Roumania was announced today by the Treasury Department. This increased Roumania was announced today by the Treasury Department. This increased Roumania was credits to \$15,000,000, and those for all the allies to \$8,841,657,000.

Unfounded Rumors Result in Unless Coal Barges Are Moved, New York Transit Lines Must Cease.

OVER \$150,000 WITHDRAWN COMPLETE TIE-UP THREATENS

Chief Financial Interests of City Situation Described as Critical in Appeal for Intervention by Federal Government.

> NEW YORK, March 12.—A complete tie-up of New York City's subway, elevated and surface car lines, as well as paralysis of its harbor shipping, is threatened by the strike of harbor workers, which has been in progress more than a week, it was asserted to-

Frank Hedley, general manager of with large chests holding from \$20,000 to \$40,000 in order to furnish funds barges are moved at once a short of

WANT FEDERAL TUGBOATS TO BE CALLED TO SERVICE Appeals to Washington today described the situation as "critical," and called for Federal Intervention by the commandeering of tugboats. The Wholesale Coal Dealers' Association telegraphed Secretary of War Baker yesterday, petitioning him to selze enough equipment to coal troopships tied up here.

While these appeals were going forward the situation was further complicated by announcement by Matthew McConville, head of the hoisting engineers' union, that his organization would support the strikers if coal barges were manned by nonunion labor.

A statement by the longshoremen's

A statement by the longshoremen's association said unless the Federal government intervenes it will be impossible to load a vessel in New York harbor. All efforts toward a settlement of the strike were suspended today, pending return of James L. Hughes, Federal mediator. BOARD DOES NOT OBJECT TO HUGHES' ADJUSTMENT

TO HUGHES' ADJUSTMENT

The War Labor Board issued a statement in Washington, in which it said while it could not change or enforce the award of V. Everit Macy, its umpire, which resuited in renewal of the strike, it would not object to an adjustment of the controversy through the offices of Mr. Hughes, even by a modification of the award.

The Boat Owners' Association declared it would not meet the strikers through their union leaders, and the marine workers' affiliation flatly refused the employers suggestion for a joint conciliation committee to discuss grievances.

### BRIGADIER-GENERAL APPOINTMENT GIVEN COL. LOGAN FELAND

Wears Many Decorations for Gallantry During Various

came effective."

For gallantry and distinguished services, Colonel Feland has been awarded four decorations. The Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre, with the bronze star, gold star and palm. He was cited three times in Franch army and corps. palm. He was cited three times in French army and corps orders for bravery in the battle in Belleau wood

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Corporations which filed tax returns before February 25, when the new tax measure became law, covering their fiscal year's ending in 1918, are required to file new returns in the lights of the latest tax measure, and to pay taxes in the same installments required of corporations filing returns on the calendar year basis. In announcing this today, the Treasury explained that the amended returns covering additional taxes due under the new tax act should be filed by Saturday, but that forty-By Associated Press. be filed by Saturday, but that forty-five-day extensions are allowed, pro-viding estimates are filed by March 15.

### SAVANNAH IS SELECTED

By Associated Press. 1 BILOXI, MISS., March 12.—General N. D. Forrest, of the United States Confederate Veterans, today announced that Savannah, Ga., had been selected for the 1919 reunion of the veterans. He also said that Tampa, Fla., and Denver, Col., withdrew their invitations to the veterans, leaving only Savannah.

# LOAN ROUMANIA \$5,000,000

Treasury Department Extends Credits, Making Total for Country of \$15,000,000.

# LONGSHORE STRIKE INVITE NEUTRAL POWERS TO STUDY SOCIETY PLAN; RHINE OPENED TO WORLD

# Some Peace Delegates Believe Safety Lies in Restricting Munition Factories

PARIS, March 12 .- The question of the disarmament of Germany admittedly has not yet passed the experimental stage. Military experts had originally proposed the main-tenance of conscription as being more democratic and less liable to foster the military spirit within the

The opposing argument was that even a reduced term of obligatory service would produce a large num-ber of fairly well-trained men whom ber of fairly well-trained men whom a staff of noncommissioned officers could whip into shape like a National Guard. The real argument against conscription, however, was the British aversion to compulsion. "The single word, 'conscription,' says L'Echo de Paris, "produces a magic effect among English crowds, particularly at political railies."

French writers blessed with semioficial inspiration object that a professional army of 100,000 men trained for twelve years means that many noncommissioned officers who could quickly drill with elementary school training, "unless watched very closely." The talk about limiting the strength of the German army to 100,000 is purely guess work, based only on the desire to make the German army as small as

SCARRED HEROES REACH

HOME PORT ON DEKALB

passible. It is possible that Germany may advance arguments which would change this temporary figure. Saint Brice, writing in Le Journal, remarks that the number of German officers must be specified, since, if left undecided, it would leave an opening for the successive training of a large number.

Some of the peace delegates feel a reduction in the amount of weapons and ammunition is a better safeguard against aggressive war than the limitation of the number of soldiers, since it is impossible to make a sudden attack without arms, while the war has shown that infanity can be quickly trained.

What effect the abolition of conscription in Germany will have throughout the world cannot be foreasen. If the allied workers see the German army reduced, they will inevitably vote against compulsory military service in their own countries, and only very rich countries pay enough to volunteers to attract enlistments.

It is probable the league of nations will find it easier to exercise its moral authority than is anticipated. The taxpayers everywhere against army expenses, while the workingmen becoming better educated, find the ballot the most efficacious weapon to assert their will.

# MAY REFUSE HUN SHIPS **HELD IN CHILEAN PORTS**

Men Who Chased Huns at Rheims U. S. Shipping Board Believes Craft Interned Four Years Not Sooplet at New-

VIRGINIANS AMONG ARRIVALS TONNAGE ALLOCATED 100,000 attend a private and unofficial confer-

Hundreds of Sick and Wounded Taken to Hampton Hospital-Veteran of Rainbow Division Wears Helmet of German Colonel.

Men who swam the Meuse to chase the Hun, who fought him on both sides of Rheims and met him at Souplet, who withstood his terrific assaults from July to September and finally joined in the pursuit until he laid down his arms and quit all these, and heroes of stores of other battle scenes, limped across the gaigway of the good ship Dekalb this morning, and grinned their way to waiting ambulances. There were several hundred of them, and they all declared they didn't mind the wounds. They were so glad to set foot on the soil of home again.

Among Virginians on board were two members of the Eightieth Division, who bear the honorable scars of battle to tell how well the Eightieth performed the task they left home to do. They were Charles Franklin, of Castlewood, and Neil M. Kingan, of New Market, both members of the Three Hundred and Twelfth Infantry, and they fought side by side with all the boys who helped make up Virginia's quota in the National Army.

SICK AND WOUNDED

SICK / TAKEN TO HOSPITALS The hundreds of sick and wounded men, most of whom are not really incapacitated any more. filed down the line and filled the scores of waiting ambulances, to be taken to the Hampton Hospital. The emblems on their sleeves were a nondescript lot, nearly every division in the army being repsleeves were a nondescript lot, nearly every division in the army being represented. A veteran of the Rainbow Division sat on the steps of the "Red Cross wagon" and displayed on his own head a helmet once worn in battle by a Hun colonel, while besides the bronzed, nonchalant warrior sat a lad from Tennessee, who was wounded in his very first attack, so new to the game that he hardly knew what it was all about before he dropped and they carried him to the rear.

DEKALB WAS FORMERLY OWNED BY GERMANS OWNED BY GERMANS
The Dekalb was formerly the stately
Prinz Eitel Friederich, a trim German
liner, which was interned at this port
when war with Germany broke out,
and later sent to the navy-yard to be
converted into a transport. Her crew,
during their confinement, constructed
the miniature German city in the
grounds near the Norfolk Navy-Yard.
Among the passengers were the fol-Among the passengers were the fol-lowing Virginians: Horace Maher, Roalowing Virginians: Horace Maher, Roanoke, military police; Shattuc Jones,
Vienna, Sixth Marines; Jessie Parlow,
Brightwood, First Water Tank Train;
John E. Neel, Pounding Mills, Ninth
Gas Engineers; George Tolbert, McCrady, Thirteenth Engineers; Charles
Franklin, Castlewood, Three Hundred
and Eighteenth Infantry; Neil M. Kingan, New Market, Three Hundred and
Eighteenth Infantry; Russell Turner,
Crystal Springs. Crystal Springs.
The battleship Ohio, with the First Antialreraft Sector, complete, and three casual companies, arrived tonight from France, and is anchored in Hamp-ton Roads. The men will debark early

### BREAK RECORD FLYING FROM HAMPTON ROADS

Entire Distance of 300 Miles Is Traveled in Four Hours and Thirty Minutes.

NEW YORK, March 12.—A pair of hydroairplanes of the mavy, carrying seven passengers each and a gross weight of 13.000 pounds, arrived off the Rockaway naval air station this afternoon after a record trip from Hampton Roads. The journey was accomplished in four hours and thirty minutes. The flying boats were the A-1070 and the A-4036, both being of the F.5-I type. All records for a 300-mile nonstop flight were smashed, despite a strong opposing wind.

were smashed, despite a strong op-posing wind.

A-1070 developed trouble in one of her 400-horse power Liberty motors during the flight, but the trouble was eliminated in midair. The observers carried out important reconnaissance work and took moving pictures, which will be shown today at the aero-nautical exposition.

# QUEEN MARIE IN LONDON Roumanian Royalty Visits King George and Family for Several Weeks.

Worth Repairing.

German Ships in Their Home Ports, With Tonnage of 300,000, Will Be Taken Over as Soon as American Crews Are Available.

WASHINGTON, March American government may not accept the 100,000 or more tons of German shipping in Chilean waters allocated to it by the allied shipping commission. Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, said tonight finel action would depend on the conditions of the grant and the ships.

Mr. Hurley explained that the original proposal, made when he was in Europe, was for the United States to take over the ships and use them until the peace treaty was signed, when title to them would be determined. This offer was refused by Mr. Hurley, who believed their use for so short a period would not justify the board in standing the expenses of the repairs.

Information that the ships finally had been allocated to this country has just been received at the State Department. Mr. Hurley immediately ordered an examination of the vessels to determine the extent of repairs that would have to be made. Since the vessels have been tied up for more than four years, most officials believe their engines are in very bad shape and their hulls also have been more or less damaged.

The exact conditions under which the ships have been allocated to this country have not yet been transmitted. Board, said tonight finel action would

The exact conditions under which the ships have been allocated to this country have not yet been transmitted to the Shipping Board. If these should provide for the use of the vessels only until peace is proclaimed, some officials said they would not be acceptable, as it would require several months to put the craft into commission. sion.
Three hundred thousand tons of Ger-

Three hundred thousand tons of German transatiantic shipping now in German ports has been allocated to the United States: Most of the ships are in good shape, and they will be gotten out as soon as the American crews can be assembled and sent to Germany. German ships, which were laid up in Peru and Uruguay, were chartered some time ago by the United States, and are now in operation.

### PRESIDENT TO AGAIN REACH FRENCH PORT UPON HIS LUCKY DAY

Wilson Steamer Is Delayed But Will Arrive at Brest Today -the 13th.

BREST, FRANCE, March 12.—The U. S. S. George Washington, bearing Presdent Wilson and party, is delayed by rough weather, but will arrive here at dent Wilson and party, is delayed by rough weather, but will arrive here at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. For the second time President Wilson will thus step upon France's soil on his lucky date—the 13th.

The last wireless message received at the Brest naval station reported the French escort was just then meeting the President's ship.

Brest is not decorated this time. Only officials are aware of the arrival time. Mr. Wilson's original plan was to take the train for Paris at the dock, but the Mayor of Brest sent a wireless request to him that he take the same route through the streets or the benefit of the population as of its first landing.

The President replied he would be happy to cover the same route, but stipulated as a condition that there should be no ceremony. Owing to the tardiness of the Wilson ship, it is uncertain whether there will be a civil program of welcome. The President Wilson will be met at Brest by the French Minister of Marine, Georges Leygues; Captain Andre Tardicu, Colonel House and his son-inlaw, Cordon Auchincloss, who left Paris by special train this evening.

TWO DIE FROM GAS

The recommendations that the Rhine be coned to all nations without discrimination was made in a report to the peopened to all nations without discrimination was made in a report to the cone-distinct on the instance of waterways, railways and ports. It is suggested that the Rhine be controlled by a commission similar to the Danis of the Kiel Canal has been exited by the commission on the instance of the freedom of use for all nations for merchant vessels or war-ship in time, of peace. The canal without under German owner-ship and operation.

The question of the fortification of the decision of military and naval experts.

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## TWO DIE FROM GAS

# PLAN CONFERENCE OF MANY NATIONS FOR COMING WEEK

Delegates to Meet in Paris to Express Views on March 20.

SWITZERLAND SENDS FIRST ACCEPTANCE TO PARLEY

Commission Similar to That for Danube Urged for German River.

WOULD BE FREE TO ALL SHIPS

Committee Also Advocates Liberation of Kiel Canal, Although Under Ownership of Huns.

PARIS, March 12 .- An invitation to neutral powers to meet March 20 to express their views on a league of the navigation of the Rhine be opened to all nations, were two of the important matters accomplished at the peace conference today. The invitation was sent out late to

day to neutral nations in Europe, Asia, and South America, asking them to ence Thursday. The invitation was sent by the conference authorities to the ministers of the neutral powers in Paris and they have forwarded them to their governments.

Switzerland has already replied favorably to the suggestion. No South American governments have yet answered.

American governments have joint swered.

A strong sentiment is developing in high quarters of the conference towards making Geneva the official seat of the league of nations. Several of the heads of the delegations who have been consulted have given their approval. been consulted have given their approval.

The supreme council today discussed the aerial terms to be imposed on Germany in the peace preliminaries, according to official announcement. The articles drafted by the military experts were examined and adopted.

The council of the five great powers has decided that the question of the Turkish boundaries shall not be passed upon by the boundaries commission, but shall be acted upon by the supreme council.

The boundary between Albania and

delimitation of the boundaries of Italyand Juyo-Slovakia. The west German boundary also has been reserved for action by the supreme council because of its many complexities.

Premier Clemenceau, speaking today to a delegation of the left wing of the Republican party, formally denied M. Jonnart would be appointed Governor-General of Alsace-Lorraine. M. Clemenceau said that the present authorities would remain in their posts.

The Premier announced important improvement in the public services in Alsace-Lorraine.

ECONOMIC ALLIANCE INCLUDES LUXEMBURG

The commission appointed by the government of Luxemburg to study, economic problems resulting from the war has decided upon an economic alliance with Belgium and France, dispatches received here say. This alliance would control an output of 55-100,000 tons of steel annually and put an end to the German monopoly in continental Europe.

When the time for the signific of the peace treaty arrives, it is understood, Germany's representatives will be housed in one of the palaces at Versailles and will not be permitted to enter Paris, as the French governament does not care to undertake to afford protection to Germans in Paris. While the German signatories will not actually be prisonen and must not be treated as such public sentiment against Germany is so high in Paris that the French government is unwilling to risk unpleasant incidents which might occur were the official German representatives to appear publicly.

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CZECHO-SLOVAK AFFAIRS READY FOR REPORT TWO DIE FROM GAS

Norfolk Mother Returns Home to Find Room Filled With Escaping Fuel.

NORFOLK, VA., March 12.—Miss Bernice Ludford and Billie Banks, a year-old child, are dead, while Sarah Hayman, a colored nurse, is in a critical condition as a result of being asphyriated in an apartment house this afternoon. Police broke down the door after a telephone message from an adjoining apartment told that escaping gas could be detected from the rooms occupied by the women and baby. The mother of the child was absent, and had left her baby in the care of liss Ludford, a visitor.

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